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AND TUNABLE CAPACITOR AND METHOD OF MAKING

THE SAME

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## COMMUNICATION REGARDING RELATED APPLICATIONS

Sir:

This Application, Serial No. 10/633,983, is a divisional of Application Serial No. 10/147,300, filed May 17, 2002, titled "Integrated Electromechanical Switch and Tunable Capacitor and Method of Making the Same", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6.800,912 B2.

The Examiner is advised of the existence of Application Serial No. 10/218,902, filed August 15, 2002, titled "Method for Making CMOS-Based Monolithic Micro Electromechanical System (MEMS) Integrated Circuits and Integrated Circuits Made Thereby". It is the undersigned's understanding that the '902 application names Mehmet Ozgur, the applicant in this application, and Mona Elwakkad Zaghloul as co-inventors, and that the '902 application has been assigned by Dr. Zaghloul to The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Ozgur was asked to participate in the '902 application, but to date, he has not done so. It is also the undersigned's understanding that the '902 application is based on Dr. Ozgur's doctoral thesis at The

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George Washington University, as is the present '983 application and the '300 parent

application. The present '983 application also claims the benefit of Provisional

Application Serial No. 60/291,423, filed May 18, 2001, which was also based on Dr.

Ozgur's doctoral thesis. It is the undersigned's further understanding that Dr. Ozgur

disputes the inventorship entity identified in the '902 application or his obligation to

assign any rights in or to the subject matter of his doctoral thesis, the subject matter of

the '902 application, or the '902 application itself to The George Washington University.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the matters discussed in this

Communication, he is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed

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